

Triumphs of M. Jonquille.

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The Great Cypher

Begin Here Today
The group of men were seated on the steps of the Executive Mansion. It was evening and the great statesman, hunter, explorer and now Chief Executive was listening attentively to the story of M. JONQUELLE, greatest of French detectives.

Jonquille was telling of CHAUVANNES, whom all the world believed mad and who had died in Africa leaving the wonderful diary and the emeralds he had discovered.
"But Chauvannes was not mad," insisted M. Jonquille. Then he told how the explorer's record described the journey into the Congo with three white men, worthless but afraid of nothing.

Go on With the Story
CHAUVANNES II
Chauvannes found that wilder, more veined through than these camps, precisely as Stanley found it when he was following the Ituri in his effort to relieve Emin Pasha. And Chauvannes seems to have had precisely the same experiences as Stanley, in that the poisoned arrows, which the dwarf tribes used, were always fatal to the natives, but not to the white men of the expedition. At least, the three white men with Chauvannes and the explorer himself always escaped, while the persistent destruction of the other members of the expedition continued until only Chauvannes and the other white men came out alive.

"The expedition was not large, it was as small as Chauvannes could get on with. He never intended it to be more than a scouting party, to lay out the things he was looking for. The discovery of the emeralds was a sort of accident in removing the portion of an ancient wall that an unproved tree had disclosed."

There was a moment's silence. Then Monsieur Jonquille went on: "I said awhile ago that the incredible things set out in the journal did not begin to appear until about the seventeenth of December, when they had finally come out. It is true that some indicatory things are noted in the journal before that date. Chauvannes could not sleep. He returns again and again to this fact. Bromides did no good. He continues to complain about the failure of the bromides. He wonders if the drugs have lost their virtue, or if they could not have been pure. He notes that he has seen this with one of the other men and observed the effect. The bromides were all right. This fact gave him a good deal of concern. He could not sleep. And the drugs upon which the medical profession depend in such a case, failed."

"We find this feature in considerable detail and beginning some time before December seventeenth while the expedition was still in the forest of the Congo, in its awful march to the northeast."
"I don't know when it was that Chauvannes realized what was ahead of him, but as I have said, I think he saw it almost from the first day of the march north."
"I studied that journal word by word and sentence by sentence. I felt at the time that no one of us understood it, that the things meant something which ought to appear if we were able to grasp a proper conception of it. I felt before it as I used to feel before these clever German dispatches which appeared on their faces to be merely a narrative of a domestic incident, when they were in fact army orders containing a definite direction. I was right, as events proved, but the government authorities in Paris at the time considered by notion fantastic."

"Still, as I have said, the strange digressions in his journal did not begin to appear until about the seventeenth of December. When they came out onto the grass-covered plateau outlined to the east by a low mountain range, beneath which lay Lake Albert Nyanza. As it happened, they had come out ten days ahead of the date which they had determined upon for the arrival of the lake boat. It was to receive the expedition at the same point on the Nyanza that Stanley met Emin Pasha."

"Now, here was another indication point. They did not go ahead to Nyanza as Stanley had done. They camped on a grassy slope. It looked like an English lawn. Chauvannes said—within the first day's march out of the forest. Here they remained."

"Chauvannes had all the modern implements that an explorer carries with him, and he laid down the exact location of this camp with the most painstaking accuracy. It was charted in the journal in half a dozen different forms and checked in every variety of way. He seemed to have spent a lot of time at this. He was determined that the exact spot of this camp should be definitely located for all time and beyond any possibility of error. And he did not fail. The exact location of that camp is as certain as any boundary monument on our Belgian frontier. It can be located to day with the error of half a meter."

"He had plenty of time for this, because he remained in the camp with Leturba while the other men went on to the Nyanza."

"The route to the lake could not be laid out to the eye. It was directly below a marked rocky promontory of the skyline. But the men with Chauvannes thought it better to be certain of the way out, and as they had to put in the time until the boat arrived, it seemed advisable to go over the

The American beachcomber Dix and the Finn set out for the Albert, Leturba remaining in the camp with Chauvannes.

"It was here alone with Leturba that Chauvannes finished the journal, which I finally decoded, as one might say, at the Service de la Surete in Paris."

"I have said that the only thing indicating Chauvannes' condition before the seventeenth of December, when they came out on the old elephant-track into this heavenly country below the Albert, was the fact that he could not sleep and that the bromides had failed him. But this was not precisely all. The journal began to indicate a state of mind in Chauvannes that he apparently

CHAUVANNES COULD NOT SLEEP.
parently hesitated a long time to record, the impression that they were approaching some sort of creature of which they had very little, if any, dependable information. "At first Chauvannes put this down as an illusion arising from the depression of insomnia. But he began to speak of it later as a sort of definite premonition to be reckoned with."

"Of course, when the journal first came into our possession, we took this, and the incredible things that followed, to be merely the illusions of a man whose nervous system had broken down. This was a profound error. Every statement following in the journal was, as it proved, of the most definite importance. One got here at this point in the journal a pretty clear conception of the condition of Chauvannes at the time."

"The three with him, whose care, devotion and untiring solicitude are, as I have said, the persistent note of this latter part of Chauvannes' journal, were now very much concerned about him. They seemed to understand the danger, to himself, of one in such a mental state, for they secured and destroyed all the ammunition to the private weapons which Chauvannes carried; they even broke the blades of the knives. They appeared to realize that a homicidal seizure might develop from such a mental condition, and they seemed to fear that it might take the course of a suicidal mania. They were over and over again.

"It is here, now, at this point, that the whole journal of Chauvannes begins to be taken up with the extraordinary things that he observed. The impression of some strange creatures close on the camp, in the neighborhood, became an obsession."

"It was on the first night in the new camp after they had emerged from the forest that Chauvannes had a sensation, as he puts it, of something delicately feeling over his face. It seemed to be a very slight, moving touch, as of the tip of a feather, but it was clearly distinguishable. The man put up his hand and made a swift gesture in the darkness about him, but there was absolutely nothing that he could touch. He says that this thing happened more than once in the night, and each time, although he put out his hand instantly, it came in contact with no physical evidences of any creature about him."

"The thing occurred again the next night. On this occasion Chauvannes distinctly felt that swift, tingling touch pass over his face; and again, instantly, he clutched about him in the dark, beating the whole place with his arms in a desperate effort to come into some physical contact with the creature. But it was wholly to no purpose. He touched nothing. There was no sound anywhere, and the men sleeping about him in the tent were not disturbed. He says that on the following morning he mentioned this thing again, but the three men with him had no experience of it whatever."

"If these creatures, of which Chauvannes had the strange premonitory sense, had finally appeared, they seemed to be directing their attentions exclusively to him. At any rate, the men denied having been disturbed by anything. They had seen nothing, felt nothing. But they were disturbed about Chauvannes."

"The concluding installment of 'The Great Cypher' will appear in our next issue."

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SHINNSTON

Miss Mabel Windon of Virginia avenue in Clarksburg visited Miss Martha Noy Saturday and Sunday.
Miss Hazel Meredith of Meadowbrook was a visitor at the home of Miss Mildred Goodwin Friday evening.

Word has been received here of the marriage of Miss Nellie Martin of Wyatt and Amos Merrifield of Smithfield. The former was a graduate of Clay District High School in the 1922 class.

Enoch Vincent is the guest of relatives near here.

Martha Martin of Cypoy spent the week-end with Florine Galtish of Shinnston.

Miss Ruth Martin and Miss Ida Cowen of Stringtown visited Miss Olive Dawson over the last week-end.

Miss Kathryn Feaster of Fairmont visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Feaster, over the week-end.

Carney Bogges, a student at the West Virginia University, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bogges, over the week-end.

The Misses Hilda and Gae Hughes were in Shinnston Friday evening.

Miss Louise Board of Fairmont was a week-end guest of Miss Phyllis Cunningham of Arlington Heights.

Mrs. Glenn Reed was elected assistant superintendent of the M. E. Sunday School recently.

Mrs. Chester Hagerty is a patient at St. Mary's Hospital at Clarksburg.

Miss Eva Radabough was shopping in Fairmont Saturday.

Mrs. J. W. Doan has been ill at her home here for several days with a severe cold.

The girls and boys' basketball teams of Clay District High School will play their first games Friday night. The boys will play West Monongah High School.

Miss Allie Jones of Meadowbrook was a Shinnston visitor Saturday.

A. P. Morrison of Clarksburg was a business caller here Friday.

Miss Nan Swiger of Lost Creek is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Finlayson.

Mrs. C. A. Cole and Miss Hazel Rowand were shopping in Clarksburg Saturday.

Hayward Reed, James Abruzzino and Victor Ribblett were in Fairmont Friday.

Miss Bertha Brock visited Mrs. W. H. Nicholas Sunday.

Mrs. F. L. Hursey was a Sunday guest of relatives in Clarksburg.

Mrs. Lydia Perrelli of Fairmont was a guest of Mrs. Joe Lucas Sunday.

M. R. Har visited friends in Fairmont Sunday.

Watson Humphrey is seriously ill at his home in Pleasant Hill addition.

Miss Hazel Meredith was the guest of Miss Mildred Goodwin of Clement street Friday evening.

Mrs. A. E. Alley of Clement street was shopping in Clarksburg Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lucas were Clarksburg visitors Saturday.

Mrs. C. P. Lucas was shopping in Clarksburg Saturday.

The Rev. Mr. Jackson of the First Baptist Church of Bridgeport delivered the address at the local First Baptist Church Sunday during the absence of the pastor, the Rev. E. B. Moyer.

DIES OF WOUNDS.
WHEELING, Dec. 12.—Theodore Korosich, who was shot last night at Summers, Harrison Co., Ohio, by Tom Diss, died this morning in a local hospital. Diss surrendered to Sheriff Martin and claims he shot in self-defense. The dead man had been shot twice in the abdomen, and an operation here early this morning failed to save his life.

TO DEMOLISH SHIP.
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 12.—The battleship Connecticut, sometimes termed "Old Ironsides," once the flagship of "Fighting Bob" Evans, was on the way today from Los Angeles to the Navy Yard at Bremerton, Wash., to be decommissioned.

BLUE RIDGE THEATRE
TODAY—TOMORROW
BOOKED BY
B. F. KEITH
Vaudeville Exchange

TIME OF SHOWS
Matinee Pictures 2:00 to 3:00
Vaudeville 3:00 to 4:00
Pictures 4:00 to 5:00
Evening Pictures 6:45 to 7:45
Vaudeville 7:45 to 8:45
Pictures 8:45 to 9:45
Vaudeville 9:45 to 10:45

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Adults 40; Children 15c
EVENING
Adults 55c
Children 25c

The Elevator Boy
A Screaming Comedy Act,
In Four Scenes
LEW WELLS
Monologist and
King of the Saxophone
VANDYKE AND VENICE

"It's All in the Breaks"
ALDINE & WRIGHT
Singing and Dancing

Comopolitan Production
A Fannie Hurst Story
"BACK PAY"
Paramount Picture

NOTE—The entire proceeds of Friday matinee will be given to the Times Xmas Fund.



Xmas Candies

Guaranteed Pure

Chocolate Creams, lb. 25c
Xmas Mixed, lb. 35c
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Main Floor, Front



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Men's Silk Stripe Madras Shirts \$2.95 to \$3.95
Men's High Grade Silk Neckwear \$50c to \$1.25
Men's Fine Wool or Silk Hose \$50c to \$1.25
Men's Silk or Wool Mufflers \$1.95 and \$2.95
Men's Fine Kid Dress Gloves \$2.50 and \$2.95
Men's Suspender and garter Sets \$50c Set
Men's Garter and Arm Band Sets \$50c Set

Main Floor, Rear



For Every Woman's Christmas Silk Underthings Dainty, Soft All Laces and Ribbons and Rose Buds

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Women's Pink Crepe de Chine Chemise \$3.50
Women's Crepe de Chine Night Gowns \$4.50
Women's Silk Camisoles, each in box \$1.00
Women's Silk Boudoir Caps, each in box 50c to \$1
Women's Garters, Fancy Silk Covered, pair 50c

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Infants' Angora Suits, Four Pieces—Sweater, Cap, Leggings and Mittens. Set \$6.95

Infants' Wool Booties, Short or Long—In all white and white with colored trimming. Pair 50c

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Infants' Caps, Beautifully Trimmed—50c to \$2.50
Of Silk, silk knit and wool

Infants' Dresses, short or long—In fine Nainsook, trimmed with embroidery 65c to \$3.95

Infants' White Short Coats—Cassimeres, Serges, chinchilla \$2.95 to \$5.95

Infants' White Long Coats—Extra quality cassimeres, serges, chinchilla \$4.95 to \$7.50

Infants' Capes With or Without Hood—Of fine Cassimeres. Nicely trimmed \$3.95 to \$6.95

Infants' Petticoats—Of fine Nainsook 50c to \$1.25

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Main Floor, Front



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